

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Energy and Commerce have until midnight on July 9, 2007 to file a report to accompany H.R. 2900. **Page H7411**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2007, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 179, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution. **Pages H7391, H7411**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed by unanimous consent to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 11th. **Page H7411**

U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Robert A. Brady, Vice Chairman, Joint Committee on the Library, in which he designated Representative Capuano to serve on the U.S. Capitol Preservation Commission in lieu of himself. **Page H7412**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Ruppertsberger and Representative Cummings to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10, 2007. **Page H7412**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Gillmor wherein he resigned from the Committee on Energy and Commerce, effective immediately. **Page H7412**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7343 and H7412 .

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and twenty-one recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7394, H7395, H7395–96, H7396–97, H7397, H7398, H7398–99, H7399, H7400, H7400–01, H7401, H7402, H7402–03, H7403, H7404, H7404–05, H7405–06, H7406, H7406–07, H7407–08, H7408, H7410, and H7411. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 9:50 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10, 2007.

Committee Meetings

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE AND THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Medicare Advantage and the Federal Budget. Testimony was heard from Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO; Mark E. Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Mark B. McClellan, former Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

IMPROVING JOB TRAINING EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on Workforce Investment Act: Recommendations To Improve the Effectiveness of Job Training.” Testimony was heard from Sigurd Nelson, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

ENERGY MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following Committee Prints: amended, To promote advanced plug-in hybrid vehicles and vehicle components; amended, To enhance availability of energy information; and To promote the development of renewable fuels infrastructure.

On July 27, the Committee ordered reported, as amended, the following Committee Prints To promote greater energy efficiency; To facilitate the transition to a smart electricity grid; and To clarify the amount of loans to be guaranteed under title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATIONS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing entitled “Millennium Challenge Corporation in Africa: Promises Versus Progress.” Testimony was heard from Rodney Bent, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation; David Gootnick, M.D., Director, International Affairs and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROTECTING U.S. COMPANIES IN COLOMBIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, with the Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a joint hearing entitled “Protection and Money: U.S. Companies, Their Employees, and Violence in Columbia.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

US-VISIT PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism held a hearing entitled “US-VISIT Exit: Closing Gaps in Our Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Robert A. Moczy, Director, US-VISIT Program; and Robert M. Jackson, Executive Director, Travel Security and Facilitation, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

Randolph C. Hite, Director, Architecture and Systems Issues, Information Technology, GAO; and public witnesses.

DESIGNATIVE CLASSIFIED AND SENSITIVE HOMELAND INFORMATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee, on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Over-Classification and Pseudo-Classification: Making DHS the Gold Standard for Designating Classified and Sensitive Homeland Security Information.” Testimony was heard from J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, National Archives and Record Administration; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties held an oversight hearing on the Impact of *Ledbetter v. Goodyear* on the Effective Enforcement of Civil Rights Laws. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1239, amended, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1388, amended, Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail Act; H.R. 1011, amended, Virginia Ridge and Valley Act of 2007; H.R. 189, amended, Paterson Great Falls National Park Act of 2007; H.R. 761, amended, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Missouri River Basin Lewis and Clark Interpretive Trail and Visitor Center Foundation, Inc. Certain Federal land associated with the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail in Nebraska, to be used as an historical interpretive site along the trail; H.R. 1285, amended, Snoqualmie Pass Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 1205, amended, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 2400, amended, Ocean and Coastal Mapping Integration Act; H.R. 50, amended, Multi-national Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 465, amended, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1834, amended, National Ocean Exploration Program Act; H.R. 716, amended, Santa Rosa Urban Water Reuse Plan Act; H.R. 31, Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District Wastewater and Recycled Water Facilities Act of 2007; H.R. 1503, amended, Avra/Black Wash Reclamation and Riparian Restoration Project; H.R. 1526, amended, Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program Authorization Act; H.R. 1337, amended, To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma master Conservancy District and cities served by the district; and 1725, Rancho California Water District Recycled Water Reclamation Facility Act of 2007.

OVERSIGHT—NATURAL RESOURCES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on The Minerals Management Service’s Proposed Five Year Program for Oil and Gas Leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf. Testimony was heard from Representatives Thompson of California, Moran of Virginia and Drake; Walter Cruickshank, Acting Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior; Frank Wagner, member, Senate, State of Virginia; Albert Pollard, former Member, House of Delegates, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY ACT EXCLUSIONS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing entitled “Management by Exclusion: The Forest Service Use of Categorical Exclusions from NEPA.” Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; Robin Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Harrison Pollak, Deputy Attorney General, State of California; and public witnesses.

WASTE, FRAUD AND ABUSE AT K-TOWN DOD’S LARGEST SINGLE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on Waste, Fraud and Abuse at the K-Town: How Mismanagement Has Derailed DOD’s Largest Single Facility Construction Project. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; Terrell G. Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure; and Bruce A. Causseaux, Senior Level Contract and Procurement Fraud Specialist Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; BG Danny K. Gardner, USAF, Director, Installations and Mission Support, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

NASA’S EARTH SCIENCE/APPLICATIONS PROGRAMS

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA’s Earth Science and Applications Programs: Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request and Issues. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

RECORDING ARTISTS WEBCASTERS ROYALTY RATES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Assessing the Impact of the Copyright Royalty Board Decision to Increase Royalty Rates on Recording

Artists and Webcasters. Testimony was heard from Representative Inslee; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 2881, amended, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 2830, amended, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 2722, Integrated Deepwater Program Reform Act; H.R. 2775, amended, To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize funding for emergency management performance grants; H.R. 781, To redesignate Lock and Dam No. 5 of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System near Redfield, Arkansas, authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act approved July 24, 1946, as the "Colonel Charles D. Maynard Lock and Dam;" and H. Res. 375, amended, Honoring United Parcel Service and its 100 years of commitment and leadership in the United States.

The Committee also approved General Services Administration Lease Resolutions.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2623, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of copayments for all hospice care furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

MEMBER REQUESTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to consider Member requests for documents in the possession of the Committee.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness of the Committee on Education and Labor, joint hearing on International Students and Visiting Scholars: Trends, Barriers, and Implications for American Universities and U.S. Foreign Policy, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1315, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide specially adaptive housing assistance to certain disabled members of the Armed Forces residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member; H.R. 1750, To amend Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to extend from 90 days to 1 year the period after release of a member of the Armed Forces from duty during which the member is protected from mortgage foreclosure under that Act; H.R. 1240, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a scholarship program for students seeking a degree or certificate in the areas of visual impairment and orientation and mobility; and H.R. 1632, Improving Veterans' Reemployment Act of 2007, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.